



Agenda Item Number: 2009-3-3D

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 17, 2009

Department: Commissioner Deanna Archuleta **Staff Contact:** Sherry Gutierrez, Commission Asst., District 3

TITLE: Proclamation honoring the American Red Cross

ACTION: Presentation of Proclamation

SUMMARY:

March is American Red Cross Month, a special time for Americans to honor and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of dedicated hard-working Red Cross members. These volunteers and generous donors have extended gifts of food, blood, and supplies to millions of needy residents and soldiers in times of disaster and war since the group was founded by visionary leader Clara Barton in 1881.

The Mid Rio Grande Chapter, founded in 1916 and headquartered in Albuquerque, serves Bernalillo and some 20 other Counties in Central, Northern, and Eastern New Mexico with some 34 paid staff and 1400 volunteers, some as young as 10 and as old as 83. Many of those same people donated more than 19,000 hours last year in Bernalillo County alone.

The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners does hereby acknowledge and applaud the American Red Cross for its outstanding contributions and accomplishments to people in need both here and abroad.

SUMMARY:

1. Draft Proclamation